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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ronald D. Thompson Attorney Docket No.: MSFT115607  
Application No.: 09/699,239 Group Art Unit: 2143  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTED CACHING USING  
MULTICAST REPLICATION

**RESPONSE**

January 3, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed September 2, 2004, in the above-identified application, applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

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